

## Department of Commerce Volunteer Community Service Program

"Commerce Employees Making a Difference Through Community Service"

Adopt-a-School Programs

Mentoring Programs Clothing and Food Drives

Building and Restoration of Communities

## "DID YOU KNOW COMMERCE EMPLOYEES VOLUNTEER IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES?"



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholar Day



National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service Forecast Office, Topeka, Kansas hosted a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholar Day for elementary students from Williams Science and Fine Arts School. The Day was focused on importance of math and science and exploration of careers for students in the community.

### Heroes Are Needed Everyday

"The Time is Always Right to do What is Right"

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### **Commerce Child Development Center**



Commerce employees participated in a month long reading program hosted by the Department of Commerce's Child Development Center. Volunteer readers included: the Deputy Secretary, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, several Under Secretaries, and other senior Commerce leaders.





Numerous employees participate in quarterly blood drives that are sponsored in conjunction with American Red Cross at the Department of Commerce. Employees see this as an excellent opportunity to save lives.

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# Executive Order 13401: Responsibilities of Federal Departments and Agencies with Respect to Volunteer Community Service

By the Authority vested in me as the President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America in order to help ensure that the Federal Government supports and encourages volunteer community service.

-Signed April 27, 2006



Volunteer Events Calendar

January 30, 2007 Fifth Anniversary of USA Freedom Corps

April 15-21, 2007 National Volunteer Week

> April 20-22, 2007 National Youth Service Day

June 2007 Great Outdoors Month

August 4, 2007 Community Build Day

September 17-21, 2007 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day, Constitution Week

October 27, 2007 Make a Difference Day

November 17, 2007 Family Volunteer Day



The Secretary of Commerce and Senior Leaders led more than 300 employees, along with their friends and families in the 2006 Freedom Walk in coordination with America Supports You Freedom Walk. This new national tradition reflects on the lives lost during September 11, renews our commitment to freedom and the values of our country, and honors our veterans, past and present. Commerce proudly supports this Department of Defense effort to encourage support of U.S. Military troops around the world.

#### U.S. Census Bureau

Census Bureau Partners in Education (PIE) Program includes six schools in the metropolitan area at the elementary and middle school levels (Suitland Elementary School, William Beanes Elementary School, Princeton Elementary School, Berkshire Elementary School, Andrew Jackson Middle School, and Drew-Freeman Middle School). Census employees contribute their time and services by reading aloud to increase reading comprehension, tutoring in all subjects, mentoring, and serving as Science Fair Judges/Career Day Speakers.



At various times throughout the year, Commerce bureaus sponsor and encourage employees to donate food, clothing, and other items to non-profit organizations such as So Others Might Eat (SOME) in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The peak times for these volunteer efforts include holiday seasons, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For more information on Volunteer Community Service Programs, please visit the following websites:

www.usafreedomcorps.gov www.volunteerkids.gov www.redcross.org www.habitat.org

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